

# CITY OF SAN DIEGO CURBSIDE RECYCLING



## Yes this can be recycled



Newspapers



Phone Books



Paper or  
Frozen Food Boxes



Empty  
Aerosol Cans



Aluminum Cans



All Plastic Bottles  
and Jars



All Glass  
Bottles and Jars



Magazines and Catalogs



Mail



Clean Plastic Food Packaging  
(No compostable plastics or PLA,  
Styrofoam, plastic film, bags or utensils)



Metal Cans



Clean Aluminum Foil  
and Foil Trays



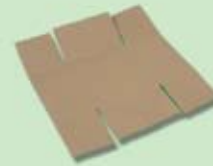
Plastic Buckets,  
Tubs, Pots and Toys



Paper Bags



Shredded Paper,  
bagged



Cardboard



## No this cannot be recycled



Ceramics



Plastic  
Utensils



Glassware



Used Clothing  
Donate usable items



Batteries\*



Toxic Product  
Containers\*



Plastic Bags  
Return to Retailer



Styrofoam Packaging  
Donate packaging  
to shipping outlets



Milk Cartons



Propane Tanks/Cylinders and Helium Tanks\*  
Refillable propane tanks can be refilled or exchanged.  
Disposable helium tanks should be emptied  
through normal use and recycled at a  
metal recycler or disposed of in the trash.  
Check with a recycler for acceptance requirements.



Medical Sharps\*

**\*PLEASE CALL FOR DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

Contact Customer Service at 858-694-7000 and [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)

# Recycling and Waste Reduction Tips

## How to Recycle at Home

Make recycling an easy part of your daily routine with these simple guidelines.

**Select storage locations** – Collect recyclables where they're generated by conveniently placing bins in the kitchen, home office, and garage.

**Select storage containers** – Make sure that your recycling and trash containers look different from each other. Stackable plastic bins, crates, boxes and grocery bags make good indoor containers. When full, empty them into your City-issued blue bin.

**How to prepare items** – Flatten cardboard. Although rinsing containers out is not required, it may deter insects.

## What to do With...?

There are some items **not** accepted in the blue bin that can still be recycled:

**Donate clothes and household items** – If in good condition, these items can be donated to local thrift stores and nonprofit groups to be repaired and reused.

**Recycle paper and plastic shopping bags** – Most grocery stores in California have bins for recycling plastic bags, and paper bags can be recycled in your blue bin. Avoid single-use shopping bags altogether by using durable bags, and prevent tons of unnecessary paper and plastic bags from being produced and discarded.

**Reuse Styrofoam packing products** – Try reusing Styrofoam for packing at home. If you can't use the peanuts, many shipping stores will reuse them. Some do not accept molded Styrofoam.

## Recycling Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste

It is against the law to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) or universal waste in any refuse container.

**HHW includes:** aerosol cans, antifreeze, cleaners, latex paint, used motor oil, oil filters, pesticides, and solvents.

**Universal waste includes:** any type of consumer battery, electronic or programmable devices, CFLs, fluorescent bulbs, and items containing mercury such as thermostats.

Proper disposal and recycling options vary.



## For More Information

**Help is Close By** – For help on starting a recycling program, disposal options for hazardous waste and universal waste, or more waste reduction tips, call **Environmental Services** at 858-694-7000 or visit [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)